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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND.....650,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent. "

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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL.....\$800,000. RESERVE FUND.....\$110,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONG-

KONG grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Intimations.

HONGKONG RACES, 1878.

THE HONGKONG DERBY.—Sweep-

stakes of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before the day of closing Entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$60 for 2nd. For all China Ponies, bond \$100. Griffins at date of Entry (1st February, 1878). First Pony, 70 per cent.; Second, 20 per cent.; Third, 10 per cent. Weight 10st. 7 lbs. One-mile-and-a-half. (Nominal race close on THURSDAY, the 27th December, 1877, addressed to the Clerk of the Course at the Club).

By Order,

DENIS CREAGH, Capt. 28th Regt.

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, October 11, 1877. oc26

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be

ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DE L'UNIVERSITY. Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m.

Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. K. ROGERS begs to inform his

Patrons and the Public that he intends to visit AMOY and FOOCHEW in September and October, leaving HONG-

KONG about the 15th of September.

Hongkong, August 5, 1877.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & CO., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS. 46, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, August 20, 1877. fe20

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & CO., PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS, Queen's Road East, HONGKONG. September 15, 1877.

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY. IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUIREMENTS, PATENT MEDICINES, AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 18, 1877.

IN THE GOODS OF JAMES SMITH FERRIES, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons, having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES, late Master of the S. S. "ZEALANDIA," who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel, on the 8th day of February 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, and Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of whose personal Estate were duly granted to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27 Queen's Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of September 1877, are hereby required to send in writing, the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN at his address aforesaid, or to the undersigned WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, the Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, 29 Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 15th day of January, 1878. And notice is hereby given that, at the expiration of the last-mentioned day, the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said JAMES SMITH FERRIES amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has then had notice; and that the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose Claim, the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877.

W. H. BRERETON, Solicitor for the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN. ja16

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, August 1, 1877. no1

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, August 1, 1877. no1

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING CO., 60 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets, NEW YORK, U. S. A.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!

DESIDRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS AND PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stamped on the case, and the words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUBCHILD, Secretary.

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Intimations.

CONDENSED EGGS.

THIS NEW ARTICLE, recently placed upon the Market, consists simply of fresh-laid HENS EGGS, from which most of the water has been evaporated, and being hermetically sealed, remains perfectly sound.

The EGGS thus condensed are obtained in the Empire of China, and canned in the immediate vicinity in which they are produced, thereby avoiding the deterioration to which EGGS are subjected when transported in the shell. So that, in point of fact, the CONDENSED EGGS preserved under the patent of A. R. DAVIS, furnish to the consumer, EGGS possessing more perfectly the properties of fresh-laid EGGS than those ordinarily supplied to any city.

The CONDENSED EGGS will beat up like light froth as readily as EGGS taken immediately from the shell, and are equally valuable in making Cakes, Custards, Creams, Pasty, Puddings, Egg-Nog, &c., &c.

ECONOMY.

For Hotels, and Restaurants, or for Families, or Vessels at sea, this Article is invaluable, as there is no loss from breakage or decay, and a tin will keep for any length of time after opening, being sealed only as required.

One Table-spoonful is equal to one Egg. Add equal amount of water (warm is preferable); dissolve it well; then use same as any Egg.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO., Agents for Hongkong.

MUSTARD & CO., General Agents at Shanghai.

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COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

THE Undersigned, until further notice, offer to REMEY VESSELS, Furnishing all Material and Labor, except METAL and NAILS, for TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per Sheet.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO., Agents for Hongkong.

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OFFICE OF THE YANG-TSZE INSUR- ANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, 8th October, 1877.

IN pursuance of a Resolution passed at the GENERAL MEETING of the ASSOCIATION held on the 6th July, 1877, a Return of Capital of ONE HUNDRED and FIFTY TAELS per SHARE will be made at the Office of the Secretaries on the 15th Instant, to Shareholders of record on the 10th Instant.

Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th Instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & CO., Secretaries.

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OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th Instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & CO., Secretaries.

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FOR SALE.

L. TAPIER & CO.'S BURGUNDY, Beans and Pommard, in Pints.

FRIMINET & FILS CLARET LABARDE, in Quarts and Pints.

INNIS and SONS' WHISKY.

OLD TOM GIN.

PORT 1877.

WIELER & CO., Hongkong, October 12, 1877. oc19

FOR SALE.

C. HAMPAGNE 1874, HEIDSIECK & CO.'S MONOPOLY.

DETJEN & CO., Hongkong, October 2, 1877. no1

FOR SALE.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glendhu* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 2 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 23rd instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, October 16, 1877.

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BRITISH BARQUE *MELBREK*,

FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNEHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 16, 1877.

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GERMAN BARK *MARCO-POLO*,

FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

WIELER & Co.

Hongkong, October 12, 1877.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, October 17, 1877.

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GERMAN BARK *MARCO-POLO*,

Intimations.

PIANOS and any other Musical Instruments TUNED, REPAIRED, and RE-CONSTRUCTED.

PIANOS ON HIRE, by the Month or Occasionally.

PIANOS FOR SALE, New and Second-Hand, all in perfectly Good Order, Guaranteed.

Special Attention is invited to a new Grand Cottage PIANO, by Liners and RUBNER, Zeitz—Just Received from Germany, and specially constructed for Climate to the order of the Undersigned.

Orders from any of the Outports in the East, will meet with prompt attention if addressed:

Care of MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., or MESSRS GAUFF & Co.

A. HAHN,

Hongkong, September 7, 1877.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Oct. 17, *Tinten Alby*, British steamer, 756, Tindale, Bangkok Oct. 7, Rice.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Oct. 17, *Douglas*, British steamer, 864, Pitman, Fowke Oct. 14, Amoy 16, and Swatow 18, General—DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co.

Oct. 17, *Alby*, British steamer, 868, Ashton, Haiphong Oct. 12, and Hothow 14, General—DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co.

Oct. 17, *Radnorshire*, British steamer, 1281, Thomson, London Aug. 30, via ports of call, and Singapore Oct. 10, General—H. KIER.

Oct. 17, *Amazon*, French steamer, 2850, Mortemart, Marseilles Sept. 9, Naples 11, Port Said 16, Suez 17, Aden 22, Galle Oct. 2, Singapore 8, and Salon 12, Malls and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Oct. 17, *Yungching*, Chinese steamer, 661, Gibon, Shanghai Oct. 14, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

Oct. 17, *Dale*, for Haiphong.

17, *Yotting*, for Hothow.

17, *Jubilee*, for San Francisco.

17, *Large*, for Foochow.

17, *Madagascar*, for Swatow.

17, *Mignon*, for Haiphong.

17, *Norma*, for Swatow.

17, *Taiwan*, for Amoy, &c.

17, *Alby*, for Haiphong.

17, *Marie Louise*, for Haiphong.

17, *Juan*, for London, &c.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Douglas*, from Coast Ports, Mr. Blanchard, and 261 Chinese.

Per *Amazon*, for Hongkong: from Marseilles, Mrs. Anton, 3 children and 2 servants; Mrs. Heaton, Mr. Lange, and Mrs. Delestre, and Mr. Roanoe: from Singapore, Mr. Halliburton, and 1 Chinese: from Saigon, 83 Chinese. For Shanghai: from Marseilles, Revd. Father Bequevert and Hennequin. For Yokohama: from Marseilles, Miss Smith, Messrs. Anand and Mourier.

Per *Alby*, from Haiphong and Hothow, 48 Chinese.

Per *Radnorshire*, from Straits, 1 European deck, and 60 Chinese.

Per *Yungching*, from Shanghai, 30 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Dale*, for Haiphong, 1 European.

Per *Yotting*, for Hothow, 50 Chinese.

Per *Norma*, for Swatow, 96 Chinese.

Per *Taiwan*, for Amoy, &c., 20 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Tinten Alby* reports: Light winds and fine weather to Ceilan de Mer, thence strong N.E. winds and sea, and heavy rain to port.

The British steamer *Douglas* reports: Strong N.E. winds and cloudy weather throughout the passage. In Foochow: H. M. S. *Nassau*, and str. Europe. In Amoy: str. *Brassey Castle*. In Swatow: str. *Atalanta*, *Swatow*, *Chefoo*, and *Hooching*.

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The arrivals at Hamburg from the Far East are the *Albatross*, Kopfmann, from Hongkong; *Priscilla*, Bischoff, from Batavia; *Caprera*, Hichborn, from Cochinchina; *San Francisco*, Blanck, from the South Sea Islands; and *Elizabeth Chieftain*, Lunenburg, from Singapore; the departures have been *Phoenicia*, Green, for Yokohama, and *India*, Dirksen, for Hongkong.

Latest dates are:—Yokohama (via San Francisco) July 25, Shanghai 22, Foochow 24, Hongkong 28. The P. & O. mail, with the advice dated as above, from China and Straits Settlements, was delivered, via Brindisi, this morning, three days early. There are no later advices from Japan. The heavy portion of the last inward P. & O. mail reached Southampton on the 2nd inst. The next inward Ercraft mail, bringing dates: Yokohama 25th, Shanghai 29th July, Hongkong 4th, Singapore 11th Aug., left Suez on the 3rd inst., four days in advance of its due date.

Singapore.

(From our own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, 9th October, 1877.

The Heaven-born gift of eloquence is the birth-right of only a few, and even legislators are often lamentably deficient of the blessing; however, we have nothing much to complain of here in that respect. True, our Legislative Assembly can boast of a member or two who, in the midst of a peroration, are obliged to dive into the recesses of their waistcoat pockets or hats to find Darwin's "missing link," in the shape of the thumb'd manuscript, but—ever-in—that august Assembly, the House of Commons, we know the Speaker has sometimes to admonish an Hon. Member against reading his speech. All the official members during the present sittings, with the exception of the Colonial Secretary perhaps and the Attorney-General, have gone in for bright flashes of silence, while the unofficial members are competing for the oratorical laurel wreath. We have four of the latter—Mr Whampoa, who is supposed to represent the interests of the Chinese, being the senior, and though he leaves the speaking to his colleagues, he is a constant attendant at the meetings of Council and he invariably votes on the side of common sense, according to the general thinking. Mr Adamson is the next in seniority, but he retains his seat only until the return of our Nestor, Mr W. C. Read, who is now on his way from Europe. Mr Adamson is a fluent speaker, quick at grasping at a point, and though he sometimes divides the Council, holding himself the proud though lonely parent of an unit upon his amendments, notably upon the abolition of flogging, in which he agrees with your Governor, he is, altogether, a man of sound reasoning and his opinions are much respected. The two comparatively junior members, Mr MacArthur and Mr Bond, have fairly held their own; the former is careful in the preparation of his speeches; the latter is a fiery and powerful *impromptu* rhetorician, whose long experience at the Bar has enabled him to conquer the unpleasance nervousness which is the bane of many a poor mortal called upon to distinguish himself for the amusement of his friends in endeavouring to get through that most difficult of ordeals—an after-dinner speech. Well, Mr Bond has indulged, since his appointment, only a short time ago, in two speeches—the one touched upon legal matters upon which, naturally, his opinion is valuable; the other was a philippine against the Government in regard to its treatment of the banished ex-Sultan Abdullah, in which he termed its conduct towards him "unconstitutional," rather a hard word and a strong assertion. Of course it will be advanced that Mr Bond was the paid advocate of the dethroned Prince, but it must be remembered his services were re-taught by Government on the ex-Sultan's behalf, and, therefore, his remarks are entitled to double weight. However, Government has dethroned and banished Abdullah, and if Demosthenes himself had all this time been practising oratory with the addition of another pebble in his mouth and revisited this warm corner of the earth to advocate Abdullah's cause, he could not mend matters for the Sultan nor alter the *fat* which has gone forth.

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the publication of the proceedings in the *Straits Times*. A Magistrate can, I am told, conduct such an inquiry with closed doors, but it is certainly against the spirit of English legislation to exercise such a power, if it be possessed. In these days of Press freedom and advancement, "Dogberry," or the famous "Mr Justice Nipper," might claim the privilege, but the most obtuse of the champions of Justice's justice in England would think twice before he excluded a reporter from a public court. The whole of the evidence for the prosecution has been given and the prisoner has been committed for trial, bail being refused. There were some "scenes" in Court during the enquiry, and the passages of arms between Bench and Bar were amusing in the extreme.

We are threatened with a treat in store. The Government, I hear, is going to put down bribery among the police force with a high hand. Is it not a humiliating spectacle to witness a police officer—a European—who had been found guilty of bribery, pleading "custom" through his Counsel. Such has lately been the case in these Settlements, and the profitable nature of the avocation of a Police Inspector can best be imagined when I inform you that this veritable disciple of Sir Robert Peel was the happy possessor of a banking account with a balance of \$10,000 on the right side. I wish I could find some such lucrative "custom" in my trade. Ohnamen make no secret of their power, that of a mighty dollar, over the Police. Such a confession is lamentable; the authorities, even the heads of the police themselves, admit its truth. And so matters have gone on while our counsellors of wisdom are discussing the amount of money which shall be lent to our trusted allies, or subjects, or whatever they are in Pekin, or providing them with swords of honour and then not presenting them.

What is it that causes such a scarcity of marriages in this happy isle? I trust you are more lucky in Hongkong, but here the marriage bell remains untolled, and the domestic occurrences in the local paper are of the melancholy kind. I had been hoping that some "Benefit" might find his "dear Lady Dindain" in this favoured land, but, though the German and English Clubs hospitably provide for the amusement of the votaries of the "voluptuous waltz" and the "gay Bolero," the hopeful speculations of Paterfamilias remain unfilled and his blushing progeny of daughters ripeen into womanhood without an offer being made.

The most polite attentions of course are bestowed; but the silly dogs of young merchants go "with the swallows" to mate, and return from England with a bride. Such men are not worthy of their Colony. Let their consciences be their own reproach. Have you heard a good definition of a hard day's work? I did the other evening, while sitting next to a young married lady at dinner. She was exonerating herself to the hostess for leaving early on account of the hardship of her engagements of the next day. She said, "I have a dreadfully hard day before me. I have to go to Tsinling to tiffin at one, then I have to go and hear the Band in the afternoon; and then go to Sirangoon to dinner at seven: Isn't it a bore?" I wish mail days went to Jiricoh, and I were put through the mill of such hard labour as this for a month or so.

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(The witness here gave a description of the house, and the Coroner thought it best to adjourn the inquest in order to visit the place. This was done, and the height of the fall was stated to be 36 feet. There was no protection whatever to the open space into which the deceased fell). I went up to the top and there was a rush to escape. I want up to the flat roof over the cook house, when I heard voices on the roof adjoining. As I got round to the divisional wall, I saw a woman going down the trap door of No. 44, which is similar to that of No. 42. I also saw two figures on the flat roof of No. 44. I ran after the woman who had gone down the trap, made a grab at her and caught her sleeve, but could not stop her; at the same time, I heard a crash on the other side of the flat roof near the open space. Not knowing where this hole led to, I thought the figures. I had seen her jump down, or fallen into the floor below. The open space is not protected at all; it is 32 feet by 54 feet wide. This hole acts as a sort of smoke hole for all the kitchens in the different floors of the house. I followed the woman down the trap. She ran into the street and up the steps of Peel Street to Stanton Street. P. C. 290 caught her near Aberdeen Street. I took her back to the house, and then went round to No. 44, where I saw two women lying down in the cook house floor of the bottom storey. The deceased was one of them and was taken up dead.

The other was still breathing and moaning. I sent for two ambulances from the Station. The whole street was roused by this time, and Dr Gomez, who lives close by, came. I asked him whether the deceased was alive or not, and he said she was dead. The deceased was ascertained to be a servant woman. When I went up the stairs, I did not call out anything by way of warning, "Police" &c., but those in the house knew very well why I came. During all my experience people in my brother frequently spoke by the roof, but in all houses, there is some sort of protection to the open space used as a smoke-hole. If I had not been following that woman down the trap, most probably I would have fallen down in the open space as the two women did. The information I got of this house being a brothel was from what was stated to me by the informer.

The enquiry was proceeding when we went to press.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)

17th October, 1877.

A SOLUTION TO THE MYSTERIOUS CASE.

Chan Tai On and three others were again brought up before Mr Russell for making an attack on the house of Wong Alok at Tai Kok Tui, British Kowloon, on the night of the 14th inst. It appeared from the further evidence adduced that a woman, as usual, was at the bottom of the affair. A young boat-girl appeared to have been making love with some Chinese caulkers employed at the Kowloon Docks, and on the night in question, the mother-in-law of the girl engaged an old doctor to go on board to cure her of some pain in her back as alleged. He was seen by the caulkers, three of whom went on board and beat the old man, charging him with criminality on board with one of the women, the young one being the paramour of one of the caulkers. As the old man was being beaten, a nephew of his, the 1st defendant, came up and took part in the fight. He, too, was placed *hors de combat*, and was taken for dead. Reinforcements, however, arrived, and two of the three caulkers fled into the complainant's house, followed by the new arrivals. When they found the door was barred they broke it open and had a general *malice* in the house. The Magistrate ordered all the defendants to give security in \$10 to be of good behaviour for one month.

DESTROYING TREES.

Chun Acheung, grass-cutter, was fined \$5 for cutting trees near the Wanchai Gap.

LARCENY.

Yip Akwai, a tailor, was charged with stealing a pair of trousers from a passenger on board the Canton steamer. He was sent to four months' hard labour.

MORE DESTRUCTION OF TREES.

Fung Achung, a coal-coolie, was charged with cutting a large tree near Morrison Hill. He was arrested by the Chinese Sergeant of Messrs Jardine's Force of watchmen. The Magistrate sent him to 12 days' hard labour.

DRUNKENNESS.

Thomas King, described as "an engineer of no particular employment," was fined 50 cents and ordered to pay 10 cents chair-hire for the above offence.

A "FISHY" CASE.

This case, in which four men and one woman were charged with stealing 6 baskets of salt fish, was again gone into to day, some length, resulting in all the prisoners being committed for trial; the prisoners making no defence.

ANOTHER SLY BROTHER.

Leung Atun, a servant, Fan Assee, a married woman, and Chow Akow, a woman, were charged by Inspector Whitehead, since the passing of Ordinance 9 of 1867, to enter any house and arrest any woman for carrying on unlicensed prostitution without a warrant. He was not to break into any house, although the Ordinance gave him the power to do so when necessary.

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SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr Justice SNOWDEN.)

17th October, 1877.

Frank Bowden v. G. Coles, \$450.—His Lordship delivered the following judgment to-day:

This is an action brought to recover damages from the defendant for losses the plaintiff alleges he sustained by reason of the defendant's negligence as his agent. The particulars of demand contain three items, the last of which a sum of \$45.52, the defendant has paid into Court. The 1st item is a sum of \$180, which the defendant claimed to retain at the settlement of accounts as commission on \$8,000 paid to him by a mortgagor of the plaintiff's in discharge of a mortgage debt. The 2nd item is for \$250, which the plaintiff says is the loss he sustained by reason of defendant's negligence in receiving improperly the capital sum secured by the mortgage before it was due. It is the difference from date of payment to February 1873, (when the mortgage could have been paid at the earliest date) at 12 per cent., and the interest he was paying on another at 7 per cent., in reduction of which the \$8,000 were applied. The facts are as follows:—The plaintiff, Mr Bowden, being about to leave Hongkong on a visit to Europe, appointed the defendant, an intimate friend, to look after his property in Hongkong during his absence. The plaintiff gave the defendant instructions, partly verbal, partly contained in an unmarked letter, and a Power of Attorney dated May 11, 1876. The defendant, who is a clerk in the Naval Hospital, had no acquaintance with matters of business; he never saw a deed before the plaintiff put the deed of the mortgage, the paying off of which is really the cause of this action, into his possession. In the unfinished letter dated April 24th, the plaintiff gives a minute description of his property, with careful directions as to receiving rents and interests. He also gives instructions about the appointment and duties of a rent collector, remittance of money, and the mode of keeping the accounts. He does not state the particulars of Mrs Abpack's mortgage, but he states that when he gave the mortgage deeds to the defendant, he said "there would be no bother about Mrs Abpack's mortgage as she could not pay for two years." The defendant, however, does not admit this. On May 15th the defendant writes to the plaintiff to say that Mrs Abpack wanted to pay off her mortgage as she was about to sell her property. He says, "Of course, before delivering up the deeds I shall consult with Mr Breerton, so that everything may be done in proper order. What I want most particularly to know is that should she pay off what am I to do with the money?" Until your reply comes I shall place it in the Bank, the French perhaps." Had the defendant adhered to this wise resolution to consult a solicitor, a litigator, which is much to be regretted, would perhaps never have arisen between the parties to this suit, who had been on terms of friendship and even intimacy. The reply dated from Cumberland, January 20th 1877, arrives on March 8th. The plaintiff says, "I told you that there would be no trouble about Mrs Abpack's principal as she had borrowed for two years certain." He seems to think it impossible that the principal can be paid off, as he had not given defendant power to re-assign the property, and imagines that defendant will have looked at the mortgage, and found out before it was too late what the mortgagor's rights were as to paying off the debt. He says, "I can only consent to receive the principal now, on Mrs Abpack's paying interest till February next year, i.e., 1878, as I should not know how to employ the \$8,000 profitably." In this letter plaintiff gives a summary of the two mortgage deeds, which it would have been much better to have given verbally or in writing before he left. Let us now see what the contents of these deeds are. The first, dated February 25th 1876, is for a loan of \$2,000 on the security of some house property, and the mortgagor covenants to repay the same on February 25th 1879, or "at such early time or times on the usual quarter days in such year, and in such sum or sums of not less than \$200 as the said Angelina Abpack may desire, and also interest for the same at 10 per cent. per annum from the date by equal monthly payments on the 25th day of each and every month," etc. A second deed creating a further charge on the same property to assure a fresh advance of \$1,000 is dated February 2nd 1876. It recites the former loan and fresh advance, and the mortgagor covenants to pay to plaintiff \$3,000 with 14 per cent. on February 2nd 1881, and in a later clause the plaintiff covenants to allow the mortgagor to pay off the loan after February 2nd 1878, by half-yearly payments of \$500, after giving 6 months' notice. The deed is a very fair one. The interest is high, but the plaintiff reduced it 1 per cent. a month, and took upon himself the insurance, and the mortgagor has power to repay the loan in February 1878 instead of 1879, and by half-yearly payments of \$500 instead of quarterly payments of \$200. This is the effect of the two deeds. But the covenants of the first mortgage deed remained perfectly valid as to 1879, so far as the plaintiff is concerned. The defendant is in this dilemma. Either the receipt of the mortgage money was utterly without authority, in which case of course he could not be entitled to commission, or it was within the scope of his authority as agent and attorney, and, if so, he has agreed to receive five per cent. on the amount received from the plaintiff. This is not the language of a man who is claiming commission as a right. The plaintiff in subsequent letters repudiated the idea altogether. The defendant is in this

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KWOK ACEHONG, Merchant.

PANG YIM, Merchant.

HO SAM, of Hop Yih Chan, Merchant.

LEE SING, of Lee Hing Firm, Merchant.

CHENG SING, YOUNG, Merchant.

CHOY CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on
Buildings and on Goods stored
therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to
DISCOUNT of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, 48, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.

F. RAPP in our Firm CEASED from

This Day.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

M. R. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOOMLEY

WAS admitted a PARTNER in our

Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, September 23, 1877.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr EDWARD SHEPPARD

and Mr M. W. GREGG, are autho-
rized to Sign the name of our Firm pro-
curement at Foothow, and Mr F. F.

ELWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & CO.

China, June 1, 1877. del

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